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# Five Species of Nanhermanniidae (Acari: Oribatida) from Nippon

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**Abstract** Three new species and two known species of the genus *Nanhermannia* were recorded from *Fagus* and *Picea* forests in Nippon.

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Five species of the genus Nanhermannia were collected from forest floor of a natural Fagus forest at the Shirakami-sanchi World Heritage Area and a natural Picea forest at Mt. Hayachine. Three species of them were described as new species, and these new species had the following characters in common, namely, (1) body color dark reddish brown, (2) body surface bearing areolae variable in size and form, (3) rostrum rounded with an inside sclerotization and setae ro originating from the anterior margin, (4) prodorsum with defined central area and prodorsal condyle, bearing areolae and finely punctuations; prodorsal condyles lath-like with several small teeth, (5) setae ro, le and in simple and smooth; setae le extending for a short distance beyond the insertions of setae ro, (6) sensilli composed of a smooth stem and weakly fusiform head which bears spines, (7) notogaster elliptical in shape, bearing 15 pairs of smooth and long setae; setae with a short posterior spur, (8) lyrifissures ih, ips, iad and ian present, (9) setal formula of ano-genital region: (2-3-9-2); all setae smooth, (10) acetabular tectum with dents, (11) setal formula of epimerata: (3-1-3-4), (12) chaetotaxy of pedipalp: (0-1-0-1-7 [1]), (13) every one of infracapitular setae a, m and h one pair, (14) stenarthric subcapitulum, (15) legs monodactyle; claws thick and smooth without dent, (16) leg solenidiotaxy: I (1-2-3); II (1-1-2); III (1-1-0); IV (1–1–0), (17) solenidia  $\omega_i$  on tarsus I,  $\psi_i$  on tibia I, and  $\sigma$ on genu I bacilliform, coupled with dorsal seta, (18) famulus on tarsus I spiniform, inserted between  $\omega_1$  and other solenidia.

All specimens are females. Types with number of NSMT-Ac are deposited in the National Science Museum,

Tokyo. The following marks are used for the sampling localities in the present paper: FA: L, H, F and A layers at the forest floor of a natural *Fagus crenata* BLUME forest at the Shirakami-sanchi World Heritage Area in Aomori prefecture, T. FUJIKAWA, PG: L, H, F and A layers at the forest floor of a natural *Picea glehnii* MASTERS forest on Mt. Hayachine in Iwate prefecture, T. FUJIKAWA.

Nanhermannia angulata sp. nov. [Nipponese name: Kado-tsukinowadani] (Figs. 1 A & 2)

Measurements: Body length,  $464 - 471 \mu m$ ; width, 214  $\mu m$ .

Prodorsum: Prodorsal condyles medially connected. Rostral and lamellar setae thick like bacilliform but sharply pointed. Setae ro about twice and setae le about  $1.5\times$  as long as their mutual distance. Setae in thicker posterior, about  $2.5\times$  as long as their mutual distance, shorter than 2/3 but longer than half of length of prodorsum. Sensilli heavily spinose on distal half. Setae ex almost smooth, bearing a thorn. Relative lengths and distances:  $in = 2 \times le = 2 \times ss > ro > ex$ ; (le-le) > (in-in) > (ro-ro).

Notogaster: Areolae on surface angular. Setae  $c_I$  about 4.5× as long as their mutual distance and about 2× as long as the distance between  $c_I$  and  $d_I$ .

Ventral region: Setal formula of epimera: (3-1-3-4) normally, (3-1-3-5) abnormally; all setae sparsely and minutely barbed; seta a of each epimeron short but the others long; setae 1a the shortest and setae 4b the longest;

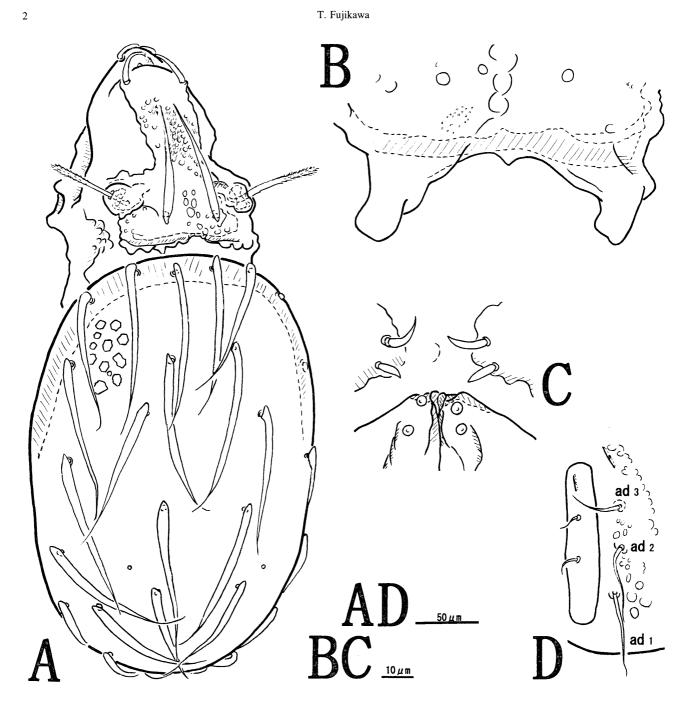
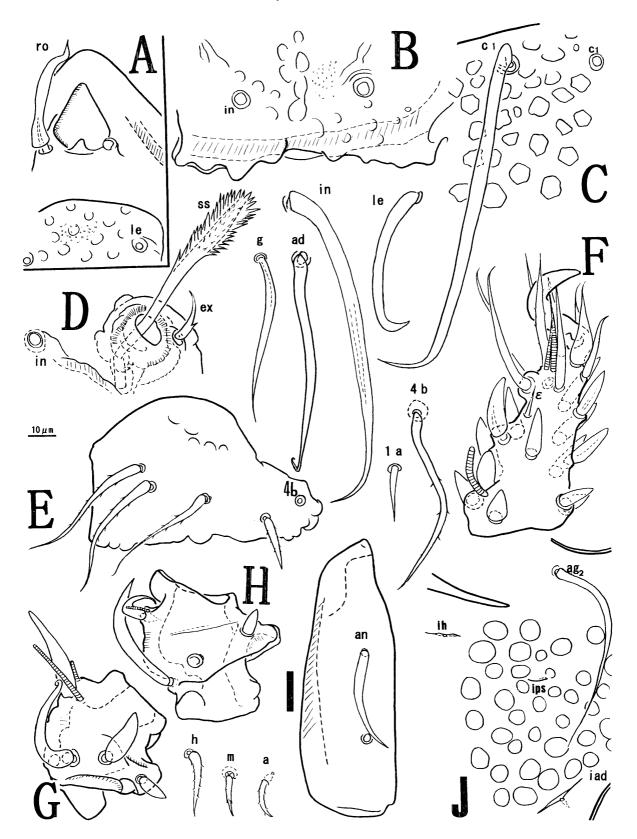


Fig. 1. A: Nanhermannia angulata sp. nov. Dorsal view. B and C: Nanhermannia triangula Fujikawa, 1990. B: Prodorsal condyles; C: Central portion of disjugal suture. D: Nanhermannia bifurcata Fujikawa, 1990. Anal-adanal region.

setae 4a shorter than the distance between 4a and 4c, but longer than the distance 4a and 4b. Anal setae an, adanal setae ad, genital setae g and aggenital setae ag setiform and smooth. Anal setae  $an_1$  and  $an_2$  almost equal in length, longer than the breadth of anal plate. Nine pairs of genital setae,  $g_1-g_9$  equal in length, almost as long as setae of an-series, longer than the breadth of genital plate.

Both aggenital setae,  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$  longer than the distance between  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$ . Infracapitular setae, a, m and h minutely barbed. Relative lengths: ad > ag > 4b > g > an > h > 1a > a = m.

Legs: Chaetotaxy (including famulus, excluding solenidia); I (1–5–4–6–24), II (1–6–4–6–23), III (4–3–3–3–20), IV (1–2–3–3–20). Solenidion  $\omega_1$  longer than ft"



**Fig. 2.** *Nanhermannia angulata* sp. nov. A: Rostral region; B: Prodorsal condyles; C: Dorsal surface around setae  $c_i$ ; D: Bothridial region; E: Epimeron IV bearing 5 setae abnormally; F: Tarsus I; G: Tibia I; H: Genu I; I: Anal plate; J: Area between anal and genital plates. Setae: Genital (g), adanal (ad), interlamellar (in), lamellar (le), epimeral (1a & 4b), and infracapitular (a, m and h) setae, respectively.

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on tarsus I,  $\psi_I$  and  $\sigma$  shorter than seta d on tibia I and genu I, respectively.

Material examined: Holotype (NSMT-Ac 11469), from FA, 2–X–1999; 2 paratypes (NSMT-Ac 11470): the same data with holotype.

Remarks: The new species is distinguished from other congeners by the shape of prodorsal condyles, notogastral areolae and principal setae (ro, ss, a, m, h) and the length of setae in.

Nanhermannia triangula FUJIKAWA, 1990 (Figs. 1 B & C)

Nanhermannia triangula FUJIKAWA, 1990, p.9, fig.5.

Supplementary description: Setae a of each epimeron and setae 4b short; the rest long. Setae 4a longer than the distance between 4a and 4b.

Locality: 10 exs., from FA, 3-X-1999.

Measurements: Body length, 514 (537.1) 557 μm; width, 221 (237.5) 250 μm.

Distribution: Nippon (*Picea glehnii* forest at Mo-Ashoro, Hokkaido).

Remarks: The present specimens have prodorsal condyles separated far from each other; the mutual distance is wider than that of the original description.

Nanhermannia bifurcata FUJIKAWA, 1990 (Fig. 1 D)

Nanhermannia bifurcata FUJIKAWA, 1990, p.5, figs. 1–4.

Locality: 16 exs. from PG, 6-XI-2000.

Measurements: Body length, 492 (500) 514  $\mu$ m; width, 228 (246.4) 257  $\mu$ m.

Distribution: Nippon (*Picea glehnii* forest at Mo-Ashoro, Hokkaido).

Remarks: The present specimens differ from the original description in having long adamal setae  $ad_2$ , namely,  $ad_2$  as long as, or shorter in specimens from Mo-Ashoro, but about  $1.5\times$  as long as the distance between  $ad_1$  and  $ad_2$  in specimens from Mt. Hayachine.

Nanhermannia vernus sp. nov. [Nipponese name: Satsuki-tsukinowadani] (Figs. 3 A–B & 4)

Measurements: Body length, 564 (591.9) 621 µm;

width, 271 (294.4) 328 µm.

Prodorsum: Prodorsal condyles medially separate. Setae ro and le thick, tapering to a fine tip, and longer than their own mutual distance. Setae in dilated with a small pointed projection at the base, and about  $2\times$  as long as their mutual distance. Sensilli spinose unilaterally. Setae ex smooth and simple. Relative lengths and distances: in > ss = le > ro > ex;  $(le-le) \ge (in-in) > (ro-ro)$ .

Notogaster: Areolae on surface round. Dorsal setae mid-portion slightly expanded. Setae  $c_1$  about  $4\times$  as long as their mutual distance, and about  $2\times$  as long as the distance between  $c_1$  and  $d_1$ .

Ventral region: Epimeral setae 1a-c, 2a, 3a and 4a short and smooth; the other setae long, sparsely barbed. Epimeral setae 4a shorter than the distance between 4a and 4c, but longer than the distance between 4a and 4b. Anal setae  $an_1$  and  $an_2$  almost equal in length, not longer than the breadth of anal plate. Genital setae  $g_1-g_9$  equal in length, longer than that of genital plate. Adanal setae  $ad_1-ad_3$  equal in length, with a short posterior spur. Both aggenital setae,  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$  longer than the distance between  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$ . Palp with minute cm and long v on tarsus, and minute d on tibia. Infracapitular setae h sparsely and minutely barbed; setae a and m smooth; h longer than a and m. Relative lengths: ad > 4b > ag > g > h > an > a = m > 1a.

Legs: Chaetotaxy including famulus, but excluding solenidia; I (1–5–5–6–24), II (1–7–5–6–23), III (4–3–3–4–20), IV (1–2–3–4–18). Solenidion  $\omega_i$  somewhat longer than ft" on tarsus I;  $\psi_i$  as long as seta d; seta d as long as about 2× solenidion  $\sigma$  on genu I; setae d on tibia I and genu I smooth.

Material examined: Holotype (NSMT-Ac 11471), from FA, 3–X–1999; 5 paratypes (NSMT-Ac 11472): the same data with holotype; 2 paratypes from FA, 2–X–1999; 21 paratypes from PG, 16–V–2000.

Remarks: The present species differs from other congeners in having separate prodorsal condyles, long dorsal setae, short setae la-c, solenidia  $\omega_l$  and  $\psi_l$  as long as the protecting seta, and leg chaetotaxy.

Nanhermannia hiemalis sp. nov. [Nipponese name: Shimoyo-tsukinowadani] (Figs. 3 C–D & 5)

Measurements: Body length, 535 (562.4) 585 µm;

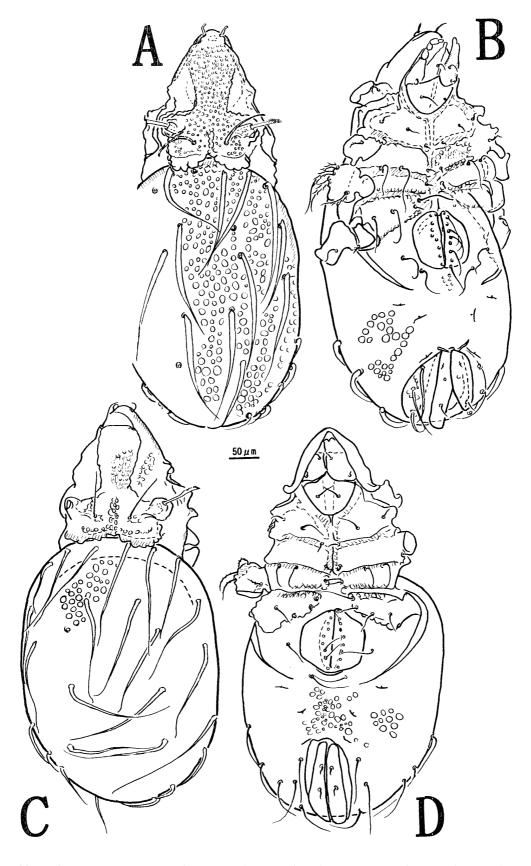


Fig. 3. A and B: Nanhermannia vernus sp. nov.; C and D: Nanhermannia hiemalis sp. nov., A and C: Dorsal view; B and D: Ventral view.

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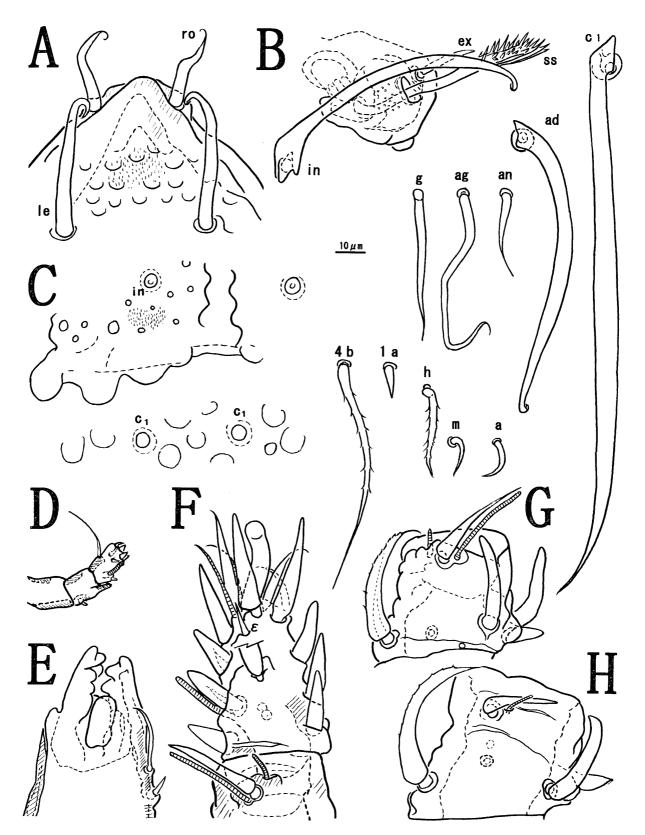
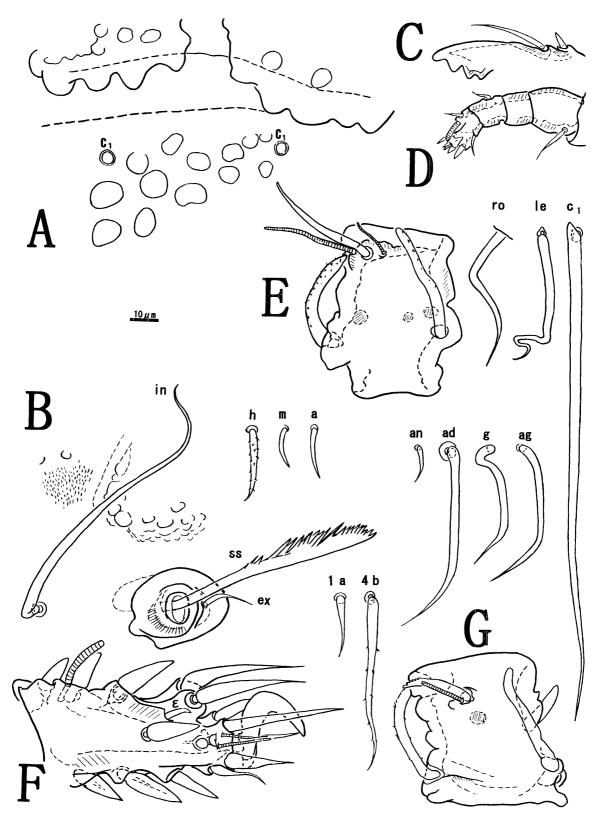


Fig. 4. Nanhermannia vernus sp. nov. A: Rostral region, B: Bothridial region; C: Prodorsal condyle region; D: Tarsus of palp; E: Chelicera; F: Solenidial region on tarsus and tibia of leg I; G: Tibia I; H: Genu I; Setae: dorsal seta  $(c_i)$ , genital (g), aggenital (ag), anal (an), adanal (ad), epimeral (1a & 4b), infracapitular (a, m and h) setae, respectively.



**Fig. 5.** Nanhermannia hiemales sp. nov. A: Prodorsal condyle region; B: Bothridial region; C: Part of chelicera; D: Palp; E: Tibia I; F: Tarsus I; G: Genu I. Setae: Rostral (ro), lamellar (le), dorsal (c<sub>1</sub>), anal (an), adanal (ad), genital (g), aggenital (ag), epimeral (1a & 4b), infracapitular setae (a, m and h), respectively.

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width, 250 (267.7) 300 µm.

Prodorsum: Prodorsal condyles medially separate. Setae ro, le, in and ex thin. Setae ro shorter than their mutual distance, but setae le and in longer. Sensilli spinose unilaterally. Setae ex simple and smooth. Relative lengths: in > ss > le > ro > ex.

Relative lengths and distances:  $in = 2 \times ro$ ; (in-in) > (le-le) > (ro-ro).

Notogaster: Areolae on surface round. Setae  $c_i$  about  $3\times$  as long as their mutual distance, and about  $2\times$  as long as the distance between  $c_i$  and  $d_i$ .

Ventral region: Setae a of every epimeron smooth and shorter than the others which bear sparsely barbs. Anal setae and genital setae shorter than the breadth of their own plate. Both aggenital setae  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$  shorter than the distance between  $ag_1$  and  $ag_2$ . Infracapitular setae h minutely barbed, longer than a and m which are smooth.

Relative lengths: ad > 4b > ag > g > h > a = 1a > m > an.

Legs: Chaetotaxy including famulus, but excluding solenidia; I (1–5–5–6–24), II (1–7–5–6–23), III (4–3–3–5–20), IV (1–2–3–5–18). Solenidion  $\omega_i$  longer,  $\psi_i$  and  $\sigma$  shorter than the protecting seta. Setae d on tibia I smooth, but setae d on genu I roughened at tip.

Material examined: Holotype (NSMT-Ac 11473), from PG, 6–XI–2000; 1 paratype (NSMT-Ac 11474) and 49 paratypes: the same data with holotype; 28 paratypes from litter and humus at Joodo-ga-hama, Miyako-shi in Iwate prefecture, 15–XI–2000, T. FUJIKAWA.

Remarks: The new species is distinguished from other

congeners by length and thickness of prodorsal, dorsal, ano-genital and epimeral setae, insertion of setae 4a and 4b, and form of setae on genu I.

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## 摘 要

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青森県から、Nanhermannia angulata sp. nov.、カドツキノワダニ (新称) と N. triangula Fujikawa, 1990、トガリツキノワダニ が、また岩手県から N. hiemalis sp. nov.、シモヨツキノワダニ (新称) と N. bifurcata Fujikawa, 1990、エイツキノワダニが、そして両地から N. vernus sp. nov.、サツキツキノワダニ (新称) の 5 種類を採集し記載した.これらの 5 種類は一見すると非常によく似ている.しかし、エイツキノワダニとトガリツキノワダニは先端の二分した吻毛によって他の 3 種類から簡単に見分けることができ、そして前体部後縁の突起物列の形と胴感盃毛の枝毛のつきかたによって両者を区別できる.他の 3 種類のうちカドツキノワダニは胴感盃毛の枝毛のつきかたや後体部表面の凹状構造が角型で体は小さいので、他の 2 種類と見分けられる.残りの 2 種類は、基節板毛4bと 4a の長さの比、生殖門板毛の長さと生殖門板の幅との比、及び第一脚膝節の dと  $\sigma$  の長さの比の違いによって区別することができる.

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